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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of: Stephen B. Austin

Group Art Unit: 3644

Application No: 10/804,876

Examiner: Susan C Alimenti

Filed: 03/20/2004

For: **METHODS FOR AUTOMATICALLY CONTROLLING FUNCTIONS AT ANIMAL PROCESSING FACILITIES AND SYSTEMS THEREFOR**

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT RESPONDING TO 9 SEPTEMBER 2006 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the 09/9/2006 Office Action in the above-identified application, please consider the following amendments and arguments supporting allowance of the claimed subject matter. A Request for Continued Examination and our check for \$790 for the RCE fee are enclosed. If any Extension of Time for this response is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee that may be required to Deposit Account 501923.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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